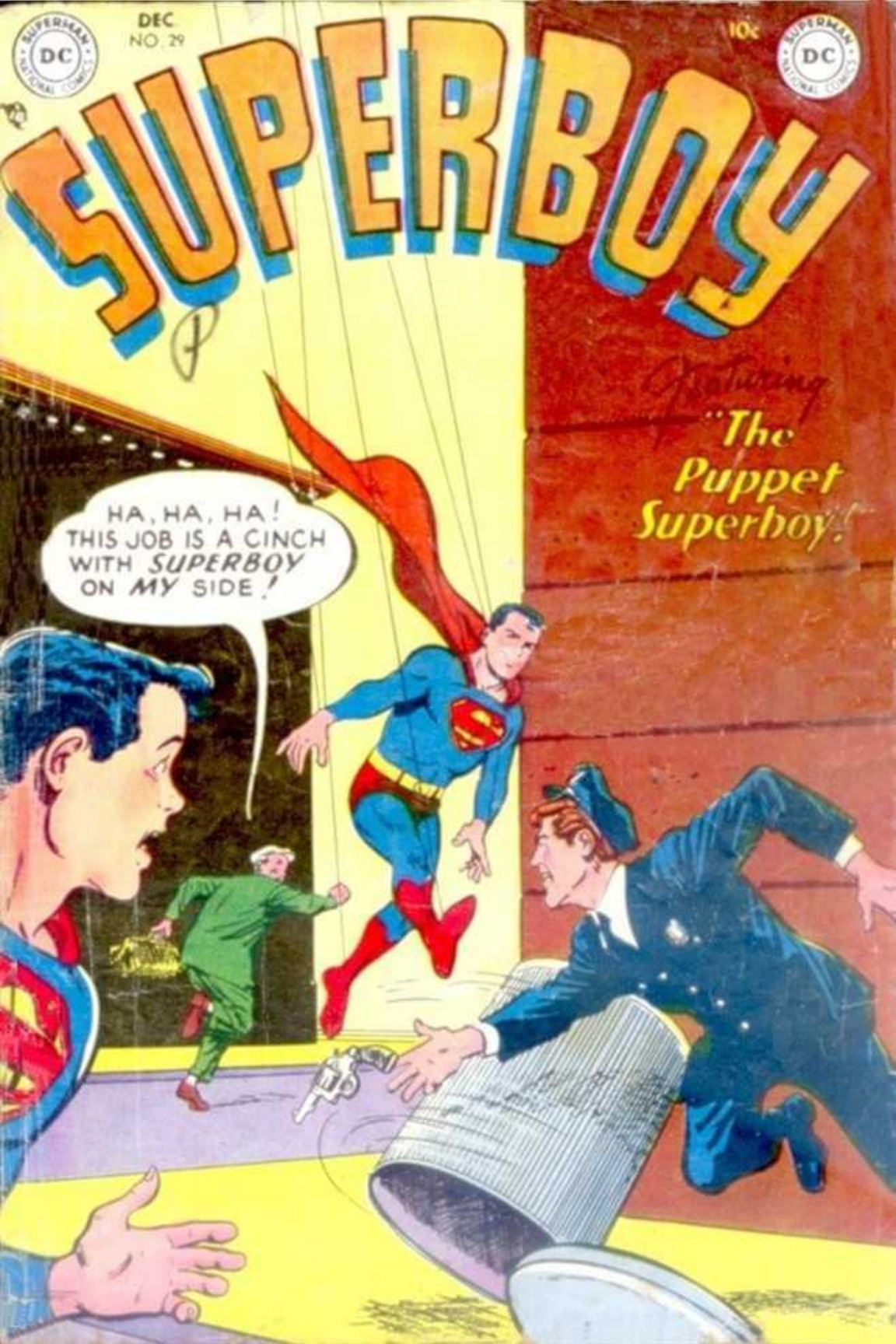
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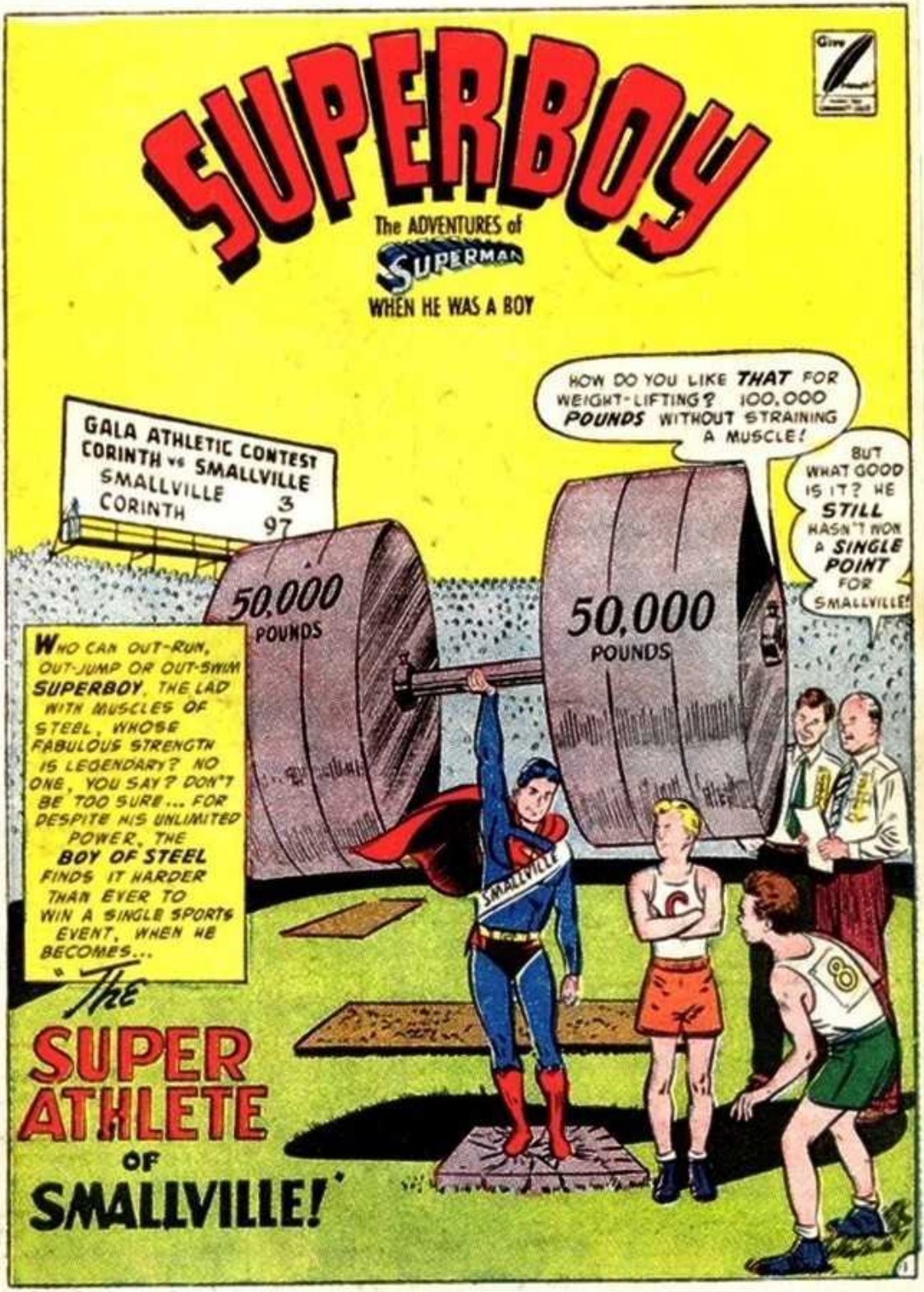
SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
GALA ATHLETIC CONTEST
CORINTH vs SMALLVILLE
SMALLVILLE 3
CORINTH 97
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT FOR WEIGHT-LIFTING? 100,000 POUNDS WITHOUT STRAINING A MUSCLE!
BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT? HE STILL HASN'T WON A SINGLE POINT FOR SMALLVILLE!
50,000 POUNDS
50,000 POUNDS
WHO CAN OUT-RUN, OUT-JUMP OR OUT-SWIM SUPERBOY, THE LAD WITH MUSCLES OF STEEL, WHOSE FABULOUS STRENGTH IS LEGENDARY? NO ONE, YOU SAY? DON'T BE TOO SURE... FOR DESPITE HIS UNLIMITED POWER, THE BOY OF STEEL FINDS IT HARDER THAN EVER TO WIN A SINGLE SPORTS EVENT, WHEN HE BECOMES...
The SUPER ATHLETE OF SMALLVILLE!
SMALLVILLE

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ONE DAY IN SMALLVILLE, AS YOUNG CLARK KENT TAKES HIS TURN AT BAT IN A NEIGHBORHOOD BALL GAME...
COME ON, CLARK... EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON YOU!
TWO OUT, LAST OF THE NINTH, AND THE SCORE 5-4 AGAINST US! WHAT A TEMPTATION TO LET LOOSE AND KNOCK ONE OVER THE FENCE!
HIT IT INTO THE NEXT COUNTY, CLARK!
I ACTUALLY COULD IF I WANTED TO--BUT I CAN'T TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF MY SUPER-POWERS!
THE CRACK OF A BAT... AND A GROUND BALL BOUNCES SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT OF SECOND...
HURRY, CLARK! A LITTLE MORE SPEED AND YOU'LL BEAT IT OUT!
A LITTLE SUPER SPEED, AND I COULD ROUND THOSE BASES BEFORE THE BALL TOOK ANOTHER HOP! IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS THAT MAKE BEING SUPERBOY A TOUGH JOB!
OUT! COULDN'T YOU HAVE RUN JUST A LITTLE BIT... AW... FORGET IT... I GUESS YOU DID YOUR BEST!
HOW I WISH I COULD LET LOOSE IN SPORTS SOME DAY... AND REALLY DO MY BEST!
THAT DAY MAY COME SOONER THAN YOU THINK, CLARK, THOUGH YOU WON'T BE VERY HAPPY WHEN IT DOES!
IT ALL STARTS INNOCENTLY ENOUGH, LATER THAT WEEK, WITH A GALA ANNOUNCEMENT...
GRAND ATHLETIC CONTEST
BETWEEN SMALLVILLE AND CORINTH
SPONSORED BY JAMES WILLOUGHBY OF CORINTH
$1,000 PRIZE FOR ATHLETIC FUND OF WINNING TOWN!
OPEN TO ALL BOYS WILLING TO DO THEIR BEST!
WOW! SEE THAT, CLARK? OUR STADIUM REALLY COULD USE THAT MONEY!
...LETIC ...TO ALL BOYS ...TO DO THEIR BEST! ...GALA THREE DAY TOURNAMENT INCLUDES ALL SPORT EVENTS--FROM ARCHERY TO JAVELIN THROWING!
TUE. CORINTH SPORTSDROME
WED. SMALLVILLE STA...
THUR CORINTH SPOR...
I'M GOING FOR AN ENTRY BLANK RIGHT NOW!
ME, TOO! COME ON!
AND AS THE EAGER YOUNGSTERS DEPART, ONLY ONE STAYS BEHIND, LOOKING AFTER THEM WISTFULLY...
SIGH! I GUESS ALL I CAN DO IS CHEER SMALLVILLE ON TO VICTORY... AND LEND A HAND WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS AS SUPERBOY. IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS IN ANY OTHER WAY!

SOME DAYS LATER, AS CROWDS FLOCK TO THE NEARBY TOWN OF CORINTH FOR THE START OF THE CONTEST, CLARK DOES FIND A USE FOR HIS SUPER POWERS...
HMM... NOT ENOUGH SEATS IN THE STADIUM FOR ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO GET IN! THIS IS THE TIME TO DO MY SHARE AS SUPERBOY!
CORINTH SPORTSDROME
ADMISSION FREE STANDING ROOM ONLY NOW LEFT
A MOMENT AFTERWARD...
SINCE I CAN'T COMPETE IN THE CONTEST, I MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO BEAT MY OWN SPEED RECORD, BY SEEING IF I CAN REACH THE SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLES IN LESS THAN A SECOND!
A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT LATER...
THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THESE RUBBER TREES GROWING WILD HERE... MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR MY NEEDS!
AAAH... PURE RUBBER, AS I APPLY SUPER-PRESSURE TO THE TREES! IT WON'T TAKE ME LONG TO COLLECT ALL I WANT!
NOW, BEFORE IT HARDENS, I'LL FORM IT INTO SHAPE... AND CORINTH SPORTSDROME WILL INCREASE ITS SEATING CAPACITY BY A FEW HUNDRED!
SHORTLY, BACK IN CORINTH...
AAAH... SUPER-COMFORT COURTESY OF SUPERBOY!
THANKS A LOT SUPERBOY! I'M JAMES WILLOUGHBY, SPONSOR OF THIS CONTEST... AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO HELP MAKE IT A REAL SUCCESS!
JUST LET ME KNOW IF I CAN HELP IN ANY OTHER WAY, SIR... IT'S CERTAINLY A WORTHY CAUSE!
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BUT HARDLY HAS THE GALA INTER-TOWN TOURNAMENT BEGUN WHEN STRANGE THINGS START HAPPENING...

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! THE CORINTH BOYS AREN'T **THAT** MUCH BETTER THAN OUR KIDS... YET THEY'RE **RUNNING AWAY** WITH THE CONTEST! TIM COLLINS OF SMALLVILLE AND JED NOBLE OF CORINTH ALWAYS USED TO TIE IN SHOTPUT... BUT NOW LOOK AT THE DIFFERENCE!

CORINTH 36
SMALLVILLE 3

AND FRED HAWLEY, CORINTH'S CHAMPION ARCHER, HITTING THE BULL'S-EYE EVERY SHOT! HE--HE LOOKS SURPRISED HIMSELF AT THE AMAZING SCORE HE'S RUN UP... HE WAS NEVER **THAT** GOOD!

THEN, AS **SUPERBOY** TURNS AWAY FOR A MOMENT...

HMM...WILLOUGHBY... THE SPONSOR OF THE CONTEST... WHY IS HE LOOKING ABOUT SO GUILTILY AS HE GOES INTO THE LOCKER ROOM? I'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE ON HIM ... SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO!

FIELD HOUSE LOCKERS

WITH HIS AMAZING **X-RAY VISION**, THE **BOY OF STEEL** PEERS THROUGH THE LOCKER ROOM WALL, FOLLOWING WILLOUGHBY'S EVERY MOVEMENT...

WHY--- HE'S SUBSTITUTING SNEAKERS WEIGHTED WITH LEAD FOR THE ONES **OUR** BOYS ARE GOING TO USE IN THE TRACK EVENT! I---I'D BETTER SWITCH THEM BACK AS SOON AS HE LEAVES... AND SEE IF HE'S TRIED ANY OTHER TRICKS!

A QUICK INSPECTION REVEALS THE STARTLING ANSWER...

THE SHOTPUT THAT JED USED... IT---IT'S **HOLLOWED OUT**... NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM TO NOTICE IT, BUT ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! AND HIDDEN IN THAT ARCHERY TARGET... A **MAGNET** THAT **ATTRACTED** FRED'S METAL-TIPPED ARROWS TO THE BULL'S-EYE!

IT MUST ALL BE WILLOUGHBY'S WORK... YET, WHY SHOULD HE TRY TO TIP THE SCALES IN FAVOR OF CORINTH WHEN HE HIMSELF IS PROVIDING THE PRIZE MONEY? IT DOESN'T MATTER TO **HIM**, WHO WINS! I---I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND!

A LITTLE LATER, AS **SUPERBOY** WATCHES A BASKET-BALL CONTEST...

THAT'S THE FIFTH BASKET IN A ROW THAT TED'S MISSED... AND HE'S SMALLVILLE'S STAR SHOT! COULD THIS BE WILLOUGHBY'S WORK, TOO?

ANOTHER NASTY LOOK AROUND REVEALS THE MOST AMAZING "FIX" OF ALL...
TH--THAT HELICOPTER CIRCLING THE FIELD! TH---THE PILOT'S USING A MIRROR TO FLASH THE SUN'S RAYS INTO TED'S EYES, JUST BEFORE HE SHOOTS! IT---IT'S UNBELIEVABLE... WHY SHOULD WILLOUGHBY GO TO SO MUCH TROUBLE TO WIN THIS CONTEST?
INHALING A LUNGFUL OF AIR, SUPERBOY TURNS TOWARD A NEARBY CLOUD, AND...
A BLAST OF SUPER-BREATH WILL BLOCK OFF THE SUNLIGHT AND END THE MIRROR GIMMICK! NOW TO MAKE SURE NO MORE STUNTS ARE PULLED AGAINST SMALLVILLE, EVEN THOUGH IT MEANS LETTING THAT PLANE GET AWAY!
POOOF...F...F...
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN THE DAY'S CONTESTS END...
TODAY'S SCORE--- CORINTH 73--- SMALLVILLE 27!
AND WITHOUT MY HELP, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN WORSE! I COULD EXPOSE THE WHOLE BUSINESS NOW---BUT I THINK IT'S MORE IMPORTANT FOR ME TO FIRST DISCOVER WHAT WILLOUGHBY'S GAME IS!
LATER IN THE OFFICE OF THE CORINTH CHIEF OF POLICE...
I KNOW VERY LITTLE ABOUT WILLOUGHBY, SUPERBOY! HE CAME TO TOWN ABOUT A WEEK AGO AND OPENED A GENERAL STORE! I THINK HE'S SPONSORING THIS TOURNAMENT AS A FORM OF ADVERTISING... TO WIN THE GOOD WILL OF THE TOWN!
HAS THERE BEEN ANY BETTING ON THE CONTEST?
ABSOLUTELY NONE! IF THERE HAD BEEN, MY MEN WOULD'VE LEARNED ABOUT IT! WHY ARE YOU SO INTERESTED, SUPERBOY? ANYTHING WRONG?
ER... NO--- NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE... BUT PLEASE DON'T LET ANYONE KNOW I WAS ASKING!
NO POINT TIPPING MY HAND TILL I KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
THAT EVENING, AS SUPERBOY PONDERS OVER THE RIDDLE OF THE TOURNAMENT...
APPARENTLY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR WILLOUGHBY TO HAVE CORINTH WIN... FOR SOME MYSTERIOUS REASON! MAYBE IF I STOP HIM, I CAN GET HIM TO REVEAL HIS... WAIT! I HAVE A BETTER IDEA! THAT SIGN SAYS OPEN TO ALL BOYS! THIS IS THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
OPEN TO ALL BOYS
FILL OUT ENTRY BLANK AT NEAREST

SO NEXT DAY, WHEN THE TOURNAMENT RESUMES AT SMALLVILLE STADIUM...
SUPERBOY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOUR NOTICE SAID THAT ANYONE FROM SMALLVILLE WAS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER, MR. WILLOUGHBY... AND SINCE I'M A RESIDENT OF SMALLVILLE, THAT INCLUDES ME!
HMM... I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, TECHNICALLY... BUT DO YOU THINK IT'S FAIR?
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I MOST DEFINITELY DO!
AND AS THE CONTESTS COMMENCE...
FIRST EVENT... STANDING BROAD JUMP! REPRESENTING SMALLVILLE... SUPERBOY!
CAN'T USE ALL MY POWER... OR I'D LEAP CLEAR OUT OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM! I'LL TAKE AN EASY JUMP, AND LAND WHERE THEY CAN SEE ME!
NEXT INSTANT, WITH A LITHE SPRING FORWARD AND UP...
L---LOOK! HE'S BARELY TRYING... YET HE'S LEAPING RIGHT OUT OF THE STADIUM!
OVER THE WALL AND KNEE DEEP IN EARTH... ALMOST A QUARTER-MILE AWAY! GOSH--- WE'LL NEVER WIN NOW!
SEC. A-1
KRUMP
DON'T WORRY... SUPERBOY WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP YOU!
WHAT DOES WILLOUGHBY MEAN BY THAT?
A LITTLE LATER, AS SUPERBOY COMPETES IN THE NEXT EVENT...
I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYONE BEAT THIS JAVELIN THROW! SURE FEELS GOOD TO LET MYSELF GO... EVEN IF I DO HAVE TO HOLD BACK ON MOST OF MY STRENGTH, SO THEY CAN SEE WHERE IT LANDS!
WOW! HE USED HARDLY ANY EFFORT AT ALL. YET LOOK AT THAT THING FLY!
AND WHEN THE JUDGES MEASURE HIS TOSS...WITH A 300-POWER TELESCOPE...
IT'S ON TOP OF BALD MOUNTAIN... 55 MILES AWAY!
I THOUGHT YOU'D SPOT IT THERE... AND I WANTED TO MAKE SURE NO ONE WOULD BE HURT BY MY THROW!
WHEW! ANOTHER FIRST FOR SMALLVILLE!

IN EVENT AFTER EVENT, THE BOY OF TOMORROW EXCELS, THOUGH BARELY EXERTING HIMSELF...
WHOOSH
AMAZING! THE BREEZE FROM THAT DISCUS BLEW OFF EVERY HAT IN THE GRANDSTAND!
LOOK AT THAT! SUPERBOY DID TEN LAPS BEFORE THE OTHER CONTESTANTS TOOK EVEN TEN STEPS!
IT'S A CINCH WE'LL WIN NOW! SUPERBOY PLACED FIRST IN EVERY EVENT... WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!
SMALLVILLE
SO HE DID... BUT WHEN THE JUDGES PREPARE TO POST THE DAY'S FINAL SCORE...
JUST A MOMENT, SIR... I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO DISQUALIFY SUPERBOY! THE RULES CLEARLY STATED THAT ANYONE WAS ELIGIBLE SO LONG AS HE TRIED HIS BEST... AND OBVIOUSLY, SUPERBOY DIDN'T!
WH---WHY... YOU'RE RIGHT!
SMALLVILLE
CORINTH
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IN THAT CASE, WE'LL HAVE TO REVISE THE SCORE! THAT WILL MAKE IT CORINTH 63... SMALLVILLE 37!
IT---IT'S NOT FAIR! THE OTHER KIDS FROM SMALLVILLE DIDN'T TRY AS HARD AS THEY COULD, THINKING I'D SURELY GET FIRST PLACE!
THAT'S YOUR BAD LUCK! STILL, THERE'S A CHANCE FOR SMALLVILLE TO WIN TOMORROW... IF YOU TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERY EVENT!
BUT I CAN'T DO MY BEST! I MEAN... ER...
OH, WHAT'S THE USE? I CAN'T ARGUE WITH HIM! I'LL JUST HAVE TO THINK THIS OUT MYSELF!
WHY SHOULD SUPERBOY BE DISTURBED ABOUT DOING HIS BEST? CAN YOU GUESS?
LATER, AS THE PUZZLED BOY OF STEEL WALKS THE STREETS OF SMALLVILLE...
HE WOULDN'T BE SO EAGER FOR ME TO TRY MY BEST UNLESS HE HAD ANOTHER TRICK READY... AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT IT IS! GOSH... IF I COULD ONLY FIGURE OUT WHY HE WANTS CORINTH TO WIN SO BADLY...
SUPERBOY! PLEASE... COME HERE AT ONCE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
SMALLVILLE

YOU JUMPED SO HARD THIS AFTERNOON, THE IMPACT KNOCKED MY HOUSE, AND THOSE NEXT DOOR, LOOSE FROM THEIR FOUNDATIONS!
HMM... SO I DID! WELL, DON'T WORRY...
SMALLVILLE BANK
TO SMALLVILLE STADIUM

IT'LL JUST TAKE ME A FEW MOMENTS TO STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT AGAIN!

BUT AFTER REPAIRING THE DAMAGE...
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS... THE IMPACT OF MY JUMP AFFECTED THOSE HOUSES... BUT THE OTHERS, WHICH ARE NEARER TO THE POINT WHERE I LANDED, ARE UNDISTURBED! I THINK I'D BETTER DO SOME INVESTIGATING!

AND, ONCE AGAIN, X-RAY VISION BRINGS ABOUT A STARTLING REVELATION...
GREAT SCOTT! BENEATH THOSE HOUSES... NOW I KNOW WHY WILLOUGHBY'S TRYING TO FRAME THIS TOURNAMENT! LUCKY I FOUND OUT IN TIME, OR HE'D HAVE MADE A FOOL OF ME... BUT NOW, MAYBE I CAN TURN THE TABLES ON HIM!
CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT SUPERBOY COULD POSSIBLY HAVE SEEN?

NEXT DAY, AS THE FINAL PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT CORINTH SPORTSDROME...
WELL, THE CORINTH CONTESTANT HAS JUST FINISHED THE HALF-MILE SWIM! NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO TRY TO BEAT HIS RECORD, SUPERBOY! I INSISTED ON HAVING A TIMED RACE RATHER THAN A PERSONAL CONTEST, FOR REASONS WHICH YOU---UM--- WILL FIND OUT YOURSELF!
I THINK I KNOW WHY... AND IT'S NOT GOOD!

AND AS SUPERBOY TAKES OFF IN THE WATER...
WHEW! HE'S CERTAINLY TRYING HIS BEST NOW! THE WATER'S PRACTICALLY STEAMING FROM THE SPEED OF HIS STROKE!
YES---HE IS TRYING HIS BEST... BUT I'M AFRAID IT WON'T GET HIM VERY FAR!
YOU SEE, HE WENT SO FAST, THE WATER ACTUALLY BOILED AND TURNED TO STEAM BEFORE HE FINISHED THE DISTANCE! YOU DID YOUR BEST THIS TIME, SUPERBOY... BUT I'M AFRAID IT WAS TOO GOOD!
AFTER ALL, YOU CAN'T GET CREDIT FOR THE HALF-MILE SWIM WHEN YOU DIDN'T SWIM THE FULL DISTANCE! ER... ARE YOU GOING TO ENTER THE OBSTACLE RACE NOW?
YOU BET I WILL!
THE BOY OF STEEL LINES UP WITH THE OTHERS, WAITS FOR THE CRACK OF THE STARTING PISTOL... AND A FRACTION OF AN INSTANT LATER...
WELL? AREN'T YOU GOING TO START, SUPERBOY?
I'VE ALREADY BEEN AROUND AND BACK...SO FAST, YOU DIDN'T EVEN SEE ME!
TOO BAD... BUT SEEING IS BELIEVING, YOU KNOW... AND THE JUDGES CAN'T REWARD YOUR SUPER EFFORTS UNLESS THEY OBSERVE THEM! I'M AFRAID YOU'VE LOST AGAIN!
THAT'S NO SURPRISE TO ME... BUT I HAVE A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR YOU!
THUS, TRYING HIS BEST, SUPERBOY LOSES EVENT AFTER EVENT, UNTIL THE FEATURE OF THE DAY... THE POLE VAULT...
DON'T FORGET, SUPERBOY... JUMP AS HIGH AS YOU CAN!
I WILL!
SECONDS LATER, ALOFT IN SPACE...
HMM... THE COW THAT JUMPED OVER THE MOON HAD NOTHING ON ME! THE ONLY TROUBLE IS... I LEAPED SO FAST, NO ONE EVEN SAW ME TAKE OFF!
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HE'S THE FIRST SNAKE CHARMER WE'VE SEEN IN INDIA-
WHY IS THE SNAKE SWAYING BACK AND FORTH?
HE'S UNDER THE SPELL OF THE MUSIC!
THAT WAS GREAT!
I WISH WE COULD SHOW THEM ONE OF OUR TRICKS-
PLAY SOME MUSIC AND I'LL TRY-
JEEPERS! (AMAZING!)
THERE'S NO TRICK TO THIS WITH FLEER DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
HAVE SOME, FOLKS - IT'S THE WORLD'S FAVORITE BUBBLE GUM!
MUMBO JUMBO GUMBO FLEER!
HE SAYS, "TRY SOME FLEER DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM YOURSELVES, KIDS!"
YOU'LL BE CHARMED BY ITS SECRET SWEET TASTE-
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HAVE FUN WITH GUM!
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SUPERBOY'S WORKSHOP

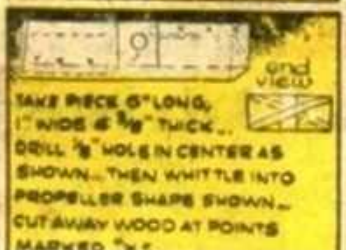
A HYDROPLANE for YOU!

GET PIECE OF SOFT, WHITE PINE, ROUGHLY 3" BY 12", WITH NO KNOTS. ALSO, A END PIECE ABOUT 2"x6"

CUT AWAY ALL THE WOOD UP TO THE DOTTED LINES... THIS WILL GIVE YOU THE BASIC HULL SHAPE.

SCREW THE SHORT PIECE TO THE SHAPED PIECE... CUT TO SAME SHAPE... THIS IS 'STEP' WHICH GIVES "PLANING" EFFECT.

2 SMALL PIECES OF WOOD FORM AN INVERTED VEE (A) ON REAR 2 CORNERED PIECE (B) NAILED ON AT (B) FORMS SPACE FOR YOUR ENGINE MOUNTING.



TAKE PIECE 6" LONG, 1" WIDE & ⅝" THICK... DRILL ⅜" HOLE IN CENTER AS SHOWN... THEN WHITTLE INTO PROPELLER SHAPE SHOWN... CUT AWAY WOOD AT POINTS MARKED "x".

WHEN FINISHED, YOUR PROP WILL LOOK LIKE THIS... AFTER YOU DRILL A SMALL HOLE ALONGSIDE PROP AXLE HOLE... THIS HOLDS YOUR "CRANKSHAFT" FIRM AS IN SKETCH "A" IN NEXT DRAWING.

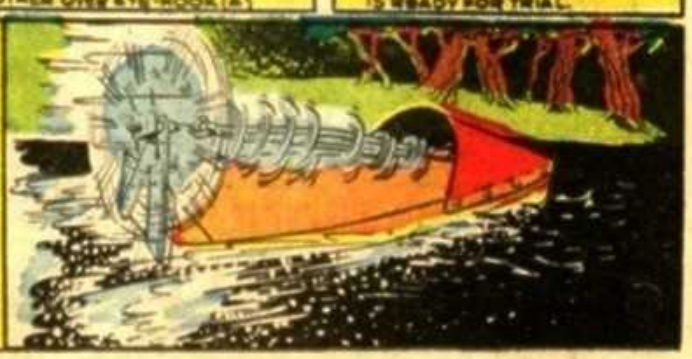
GET 3" PIECE OF WIRE & SLIDE A BEAD ON IT, THEN PUT THRU VEE HOLE, THEN THE OTHER BEAD & FORM WIRE TO SHAPE SHOWN.

CUT 4 STRANDS OF RUBBER OFF AN OLD INNER TUBE & BIND THE 4 ENDS TOGETHER AS (B). SLIP ONE END OVER PROP HOOK & OTHER OVER EYE-HOOK (A)

ATTACH A SPRAY-HOOD OF CARDBOARD AS AT 'x', WIND UP THE PROP BY TWISTING IT. WHEN RUBBER BANDS ARE TIGHT, BOAT IS READY FOR TRIAL.

HOLD HYDROPLANE FIRMLY IN YOUR LEFT HAND... GRIP THE TIGHTLY WOUND PROP WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND AND SET GENTLY ON WATER... WHEN READY, LET GO WITH BOTH HANDS AT ONCE AND YOUR HYDROPLANE WILL TAKE OFF.

THE MORE CARE USED IN PAINTING AND SANDING WILL BE REPAID IN SMOOTHER, LONGER TRIPS EACH TIME YOU USE YOUR HYDROPLANE.



SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
YOU WON'T GET AWAY, MR. FOSTER! YOU MIGHT AS WELL STOP RUNNING AND LET ME KISS YOU NOW! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS DAY ALL MY LIFE!
WHY COLLECT REFUSE WHEN IT'S SO MUCH MORE FUN COLLECTING PEOPLE?
AAAH... MEAT FOR WIGWAM!
STOP! DON'T SHOOT! THIS ISN'T A BUFFALO--- IT---IT'S MY NEW CAR!
WHEW! THERE'S MORE TROUBLE TODAY THAN I'VE SEEN ALL MY LIFE! I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START!
YES...TO WITNESS THE MOST HECTIC DAY IN SUPERBOY'S WHOLE CAREER, YOU MUST READ THIS STORY...THE INCREDIBLE TALE OF A TOWN GONE MAD... AND IT'S ALL THE FAULT OF THE BOY OF STEEL HIMSELF! YOU'LL CHUCKLE AND CHEER AS NEVER BEFORE WHEN YOU FINISH THIS AMAZING YARN ABOUT... "The TREE THAT DROVE SMALLVILLE WILD!"

ONE DAY AS SUPERBOY... THE MIGHTIEST LAD IN THE WORLD--- FINDS HIMSELF USING HIS POWERS FOR A TASK THAT IS LITERALLY OUT OF THIS WORLD...
I MUST SMASH THAT HUGE METEOR TO FRAGMENTS BEFORE IT CAN DESTROY VENUS!
SPEEDING AT A PACE THAT OUTSTRIPS LIGHT, THE BOY OF STEEL NEARS THE MAMMOTH METEOR FROM THE UNKNOWN DEPTHS OF SPACE!
IF VENUS DISAPPEARED, EARTH MIGHT BE WRENCHED FROM ITS ORBIT, AND ALSO BE DESTROYED! THIS WILL REQUIRE EVERY OUNCE OF SUPER-STRENGTH I POSSESS!
UNLEASHING HIS FULL POWER, SUPERBOY CRASHES HEADLONG...
KRASSHHH!
SHATTERED INTO HARMLESS FRAGMENTS... AND JUST IN TIME!
THAT TERRIFIC HEAT SURE MADE ME THIRSTY! BEFORE RETURNING TO SMALLVILLE, I MIGHT AS WELL PAUSE ON VENUS AND DRINK MY FILL FROM ONE OF ITS MANY LAKES!
CROUCHING AMID THE STRANGE VEGETATION OF AN ALIEN PLANET, SUPERBOY QUENCHES HIS THIRST...
... LITTLE KNOWING THE STRANGE EFFECT THAT BRIEF VISIT WILL HAVE ON HIS FUTURE!

SHORTLY AFTER, IN A WOODED AREA NEAR SMALLVILLE, THE WORLD'S MOST SECRET TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...
A PERFECT PLACE FOR ME TO SWITCH FROM SUPERBOY TO MY EVERYDAY IDENTITY AS CLARK KENT! THIS SPOT IS RARELY VISITED!
YES, FOR IN REALITY THE BOY OF STEEL IS NONE OTHER THAN TIMID CLARK KENT! LATER THAT DAY...
YOU GO AHEAD WITH THE OTHERS, LANA. THAT CLIMB LOOKS TOO STEEP FOR ME!
I CAN NEVER DECIDE... CAN ANYONE BE SO CAUTIOUS... OR IS HE REALLY SUPERBOY MAKING BELIEVE?
AND MUCH LATER THAT DAY, SUPERBOY PURSUES HIS ROUTINE ACTIVITIES... USING HIS UNIQUE POWERS TO HELP OTHERS...
HERE'S YOUR RUNAWAY BULL, MR. SCOVILLE. HE SMASHED A HORN TRYING TO GORE ME--- BUT, OTHERWISE, HE'S AS GOOD AS NEW!
THANKS, SUPERBOY!
MEANWHILE, ON THE SPOT WHERE SUPERBOY LANDED ON HIS RETURN FROM VENUS, A STRANGE TREE GROWS---GAINING HEIGHT AND BREADTH... ITS LITTLE BUDS ALMOST READY TO BLOSSOM...
THEN DAYS LATER, AS CLARK RETURNS TO SMALLVILLE, AFTER ATTENDING TO SOME SUPER-CHORES OUT OF TOWN...
NO TIME TO SWITCH TO SUPERBOY NOW! I'LL HAVE TO ACT AS CLARK KENT.. REGARDLESS OF THE CONSEQUENCES!
SWIFT SECONDS LATER...
HELP! HELP!
I GUESS MY SECRET IS OUT AT LAST! WHO WILL EVER BELIEVE THAT CLARK KENT IS CAPABLE OF SUCH AN ACT OF HEROISM?
GOOD WORK, LAD! THAT WAS REAL COURAGE!
SO IT WOULD BE--- FOR ANYONE BUT SUPERBOY! GOOD GRAVY! THAT'S LANA! WHAT WILL I TELL HER?
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DON'T JUMP TO ANY CONCLUSIONS, LANA! THE TIGER LEAPED OUT OF THE CAGE AND...
AND YOU HEROICALLY DASHED TO THE RESCUE! A BIT OUT OF CHARACTER FOR TIMID CLARK KENT, BUT I'M NOT SURPRISED!
YOU ¢GULP¢ AREN'T?
NOT AT ALL! YOU'RE JUST LIKE A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE IN SMALLVILLE TODAY... DOING THINGS COMPLETELY CONTRARY TO WHAT THEY'VE DONE IN THE PAST!
"MR. FISHER, OWNER OF THE SUGAR BOWL, REFUSED TO SELL A THING..."
ALL MY LIFE, I'VE SOLD THESE THINGS TO OTHERS, WHILE I NEVER SO MUCH AS TASTED A SINGLE SODA. TODAY IT WILL BE DIFFERENT!
IN OUT FOR LUNCH ALL DAY
"MR. POWELL, THE LIBRARIAN, INVITED A BRASS BAND TO PLAY..."
I CAN'T STAND THIS INFERNAL QUIET ANY MORE! LET 'ER RIP, BOYS!
OOMPAHH! OOMPAHH! OOMPAH!
"AND MR. BISHOP, THE MISER, THREW MONEY TO THE WINDS!"
HERE YOU ARE, BOYS AND GIRLS! BUY ALL THE CANDY YOU WANT!
SILENCE
WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S AFFECTING THE PEOPLE OF SMALLVILLE, IS OBVIOUSLY AFFECTING YOU, TOO, CLARK!
HMM..WHATEVER IS GOING ON, TURNED OUT TO BE ALL RIGHT FOR ME, TOO!
NEARBY, POLITE MISS MANNERWELL WATCHES THE APPROACH OF J. WHIMPLE WINTERBY, SOCIETY SNOB...
AAAH... I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG WHILE FOR THIS MOMENT!
O-O-OH... MR. WINTERBY!
WHAT IS IT, MISS MANNERWELL

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED JUST HOW YOU WOULD LOOK IF SOMEONE DID THIS TO YOUR STUCK-UP FACE, AND NOW I KNOW!
SPLUTTER & GASP! OUTRAGEOUS! THE GREATEST INSULT OF MY LIFE!
SKLUSSHHH!
YOU'LL RUE THE DAY YOU PERFORMED THIS RASH AND CONTEMPTIBLE DEED, MISS MANNERWELL! FROM THIS MOMENT FORTH, CONSIDER OUR FRIENDSHIP AT AN END!
HA-HA! IT WAS WORTH IT!
LANA WAS RIGHT! IT LOOKS AS IF THE TOWN'S GOING MAD! MISS MANNERWELL WAS ALWAYS THE MOST PROPER, PRIMMEST PERSON ALIVE! I'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS --- SEE WHAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYONE'S STRANGE BEHAVIOR!

WHAT'S THAT TREE DOING HERE? JUST LIKE THOSE I SAW ON VENUS! I MUST HAVE CARRIED A SPORE BACK TO EARTH WITH ME --- AND IT --- IT'S TAKEN ROOT IN SMALLVILLE! WHAT A STRANGE ODOR FROM THE BLOSSOMS... MAYBE THAT'S THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE... I'LL WATCH THE MAYOR!
SUPERBOY HASN'T LONG TO WAIT, FOR A MOMENT LATER...
OUT YOU GO, JONES! I'VE WANTED TO OPERATE ONE OF THESE SINCE I WAS A KID --- AND FINALLY I'VE WORKED UP ENOUGH COURAGE!
IT IS THE TREE! SOME DRUG EMITTED FROM THE BLOSSOMS MAKES PEOPLE CARRY OUT SECRET WISHES THEY'VE SUPPRESSED ALL THEIR LIVES!
EXCAVATING

AAAH! THIS IS THE LIFE!
EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED IS MY FAULT... FOR I UNKNOWINGLY BROUGHT THE SPORE HERE! I'LL HAVE TO UNDO ALL THE DAMAGE... BEGINNING WITH THE MAYOR!
EXCAVATING
STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, MR. MAYOR. I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO INDULGE YOUR WISH AND HELP THE COMMUNITY AT THE SAME TIME! THEN I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THE TREE AND RESTORE THE FRIENDSHIP OF MISS MANNERWELL AND MR. WINTERBY!
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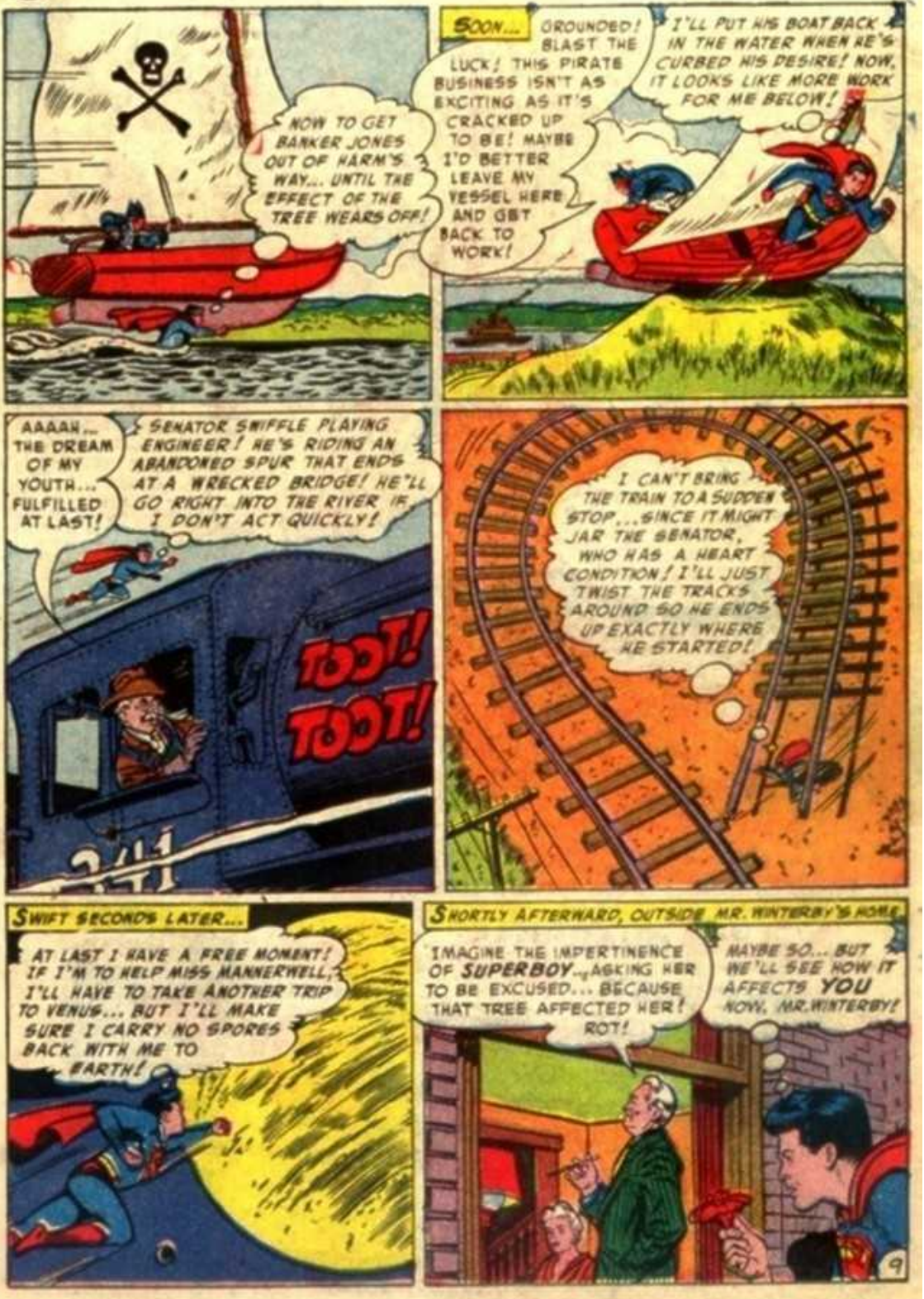
AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE OFFICE OF THE BUSBY LAMP COMPANY...
BAD NEWS, CRINGEWORTHY. BUSINESS IS DOWN. YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE A $10 CUT, AND WORK AN HOUR OVERTIME EACH DAY. ANY OBJECTIONS?
WHY--- ER--- NO, MR. BUSBY. GLAD I CAN... ER... BE OF SERVICE TO THE COMPANY!
ALONE, CRINGEWORTHY OPENS THE WINDOW, WHEN...
NEED SOME FRESH AIR... WHY CAN'T I SAY WHAT I THINK? I SHOULD HAVE... HMM... THAT'S A STRANGE BLOSSOM... AND A STRANGE ODOR... HMM... WHAT A WONDERFUL FEELING IS OVERCOMING ME!
CRINGEWORTHY'S EYES FLASH WITH A NEW BRILLIANCE... HIS STEP TAKES ON A FIRMER TREAD, LEADING HIM DIRECTLY TO BUSBY'S OFFICE...
I'VE DECIDED BUSINESS IS BAD BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO RUN IT, BUSBY! FROM NOW ON, I'M TAKING OVER! I'M LOCKING YOU IN YOUR OFFICE FOR THE TIME BEING!
CRINGEWORTHY! S---STOP! TH-THIS IS M-MUTINY!
I'M DESTROYING ALL THE OLD PLANS! FROM NOW ON, LAMPS WILL BE MADE ACCORDING TO MY PLANS! STUDY THEM WELL!
THEY---THEY'RE CRAZY... BUT I GUESS WE SHOULD DO THEM! CRINGEWORTHY WOULDN'T EVEN TIE HIS SHOELACE WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE BOSS!
MEANWHILE...
YOU YOURSELF VOTED TO BUILD A NEW ATHLETIC STADIUM HERE, YOUR HONOR. YOU MIGHT AS WELL START DIGGING THE FOUNDATION WHILE I DO SOMETHING FAR MORE IMPORTANT!
AAAH... THANK YOU, SUPERBOY. THIS, INDEED, IS THE CROWNING HOUR OF MY CAREER!
SOON...
I'LL HURL THIS FAR INTO SPACE BEFORE IT CAUSES MORE TROUBLE! I JUST HOPE TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVEN'T BEEN AFFECTED! NOW TO HELP MISS MANNERWELL --- IF I CAN!

BUT EVEN AFTER THE BOY OF STEEL EXPLAINS...
I'M AMAZED AT YOU, SUPERBOY APPROVING SUCH BEHAVIOR FOR ANY REASON AT ALL! ADMITTED THAT HER ACTION WAS CAUSED BY THE...ER...FLORA IN QUESTION... THE VERY FACT THAT THE WOMAN EVEN HARBORED SUCH A THOUGHT IS SUFFICIENT FOR ME TO IGNORE HER! I SHALL TELL EVERYONE ELSE TO DO SO, ALSO!
NO MATTER HOW YOU TRY TO PERSUADE ME, I WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE HER AGAIN! NEVER!
HMM... SHE SURE HURT HIS FEELINGS! BUT THERE ARE WORSE CRIMES! MISS MANNERWELL'S SOCIABLE. SHE'LL BE HEARTBROKEN IF SHE LOSES MANY OF HER FRIENDS! I MUST HELP... BUT HOW?
BEFORE THE BOY OF STEEL CAN FURTHER PONDER THE QUESTION, HIS ATTENTION IS DISTRACTED BY AGONIZED CRIES FROM THE DIRECTION OF BUSBY LAMPS, INC.!
HELP! HELP! GET ME OUT OF HERE!
BUSBY LAM
OF DISTINCTI
HMM... MOST LIKELY MORE OF THAT TREE'S DOING! I'D BETTER HURRY THERE!
MOMENTS LATER...
SUPERBOY! THANK GOODNESS YOU CAME! CRINGEWORTHY WENT MAD! LOCKED ME IN HERE... AND IS DOING HEAVEN KNOWS WHAT IN MY FACTORY!
CRINGEWORTHY? WHY HE'S THE MEEKEST PERSON IN TOWN... INCLUDING CLARK KENT! I WONDER WHAT IDEAS HE'S BEEN HIDING?
IT'S NOT LONG BEFORE THE BOY OF STEEL FINDS OUT...
AAAH, BUSBY! SUPERBOY MUST HAVE RELEASED YOU! FEAST YOUR EYES ON LAMPS THAT WILL REVOLUTIONIZE THE BUSINESS... MY MASTERPIECES OF SHAPE AND COLOR!
GOOD GASP! HEAVENS! EVERY CENT OF MY STOCK TIED UP IN THOSE--- THOSE MONSTROSITIES! I--I'M BANKRUPT, OUT OF BUSINESS!
IT SURE LOOKS IT! WHO WOULD EVER BUY THOSE? YET--I MUST FIND A WAY TO FIX IT UP. IT'S ALL MY FAULT!
YOU--YOU IDIOT! YOU'VE RUINED ME! WHO WOULD BUY THESE? I REPEAT, WHO?
NO ONE! BUT WAIT MAYBE I HAVE AN IDEA...
LET ME HAVE A FEW OF THEM. MAYBE I CAN FIND YOU A CUSTOMER!

SOON, IN THE WEALTHY SECTION OF TOWN...
SUPERBOY! AAAH... THOSE LAMPS... SUPERB! I'LL GIVE YOU ANY PRICE YOU ASK SO I CAN ADD THEM TO MY COLLECTION!
THEY'RE YOURS AT THE REGULAR PRICE, MR DILLINGWORTH!
THEY'LL BE THE MOST PRECIOUS PIECES IN MY COLLECTION OF THE WORLD'S UGLIEST OBJECTS! OH, SUPERBOY, HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO YOU!
BUT, ENROUTE TO HIS DESTINATION...
GOOD GODFREY! IT'S BANKER JONES PLAYING PIRATE! HE MUST HAVE HAD A REAL SNIFF OF THOSE BLOSSOMS!
AVAST, YE LUBBERS! HAND OVER YOUR CARGO OR I'LL SINK YE!
AND, A LITTLE LATER, BACK AT BUSBY'S FACTORY...
THANKS, SUPERBOY! THAT'S THE BEST DEAL I'VE MADE IN MONTHS! REMIND ME TO GIVE YOU A RAISE, CRINGEWORTHY... AND PLEASE LOCK ME IN MORE OFTEN SO YOU CAN RUN THE OFFICE!
THAT SITUATION HAS BEEN CORRECTED! NOW TO HELP MISS MANNERWELL! I'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT A WAY THAT SHOULD REINSTATE HER IN WINTERBY'S GOOD GRACES!
THAT FERRY... SWERVED TO AVOID HITTING JONES... AND IS BEARING DOWN ON THE OTHER! I HAVE TO MOVE FAST!
WHUMMMP!
JUST IN TIME!


NOW TO GET BARKER JONES OUT OF HARM'S WAY... UNTIL THE EFFECT OF THE TREE WEARS OFF!
SOON...
GROUNDED! BLAST THE LUCK! THIS PIRATE BUSINESS ISN'T AS EXCITING AS IT'S CRACKED UP TO BE! MAYBE I'D BETTER LEAVE MY VESSEL HERE AND GET BACK TO WORK!
I'LL PUT HIS BOAT BACK IN THE WATER WHEN HE'S CURBED HIS DESIRE! NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE MORE WORK FOR ME BELOW!
AAAAH... THE DREAM OF MY YOUTH... FULFILLED AT LAST!
SENATOR SNIFFLE PLAYING ENGINEER! HE'S RIDING AN ABANDONED SPUR THAT ENDS AT A WRECKED BRIDGE! HE'LL GO RIGHT INTO THE RIVER IF I DON'T ACT QUICKLY!
TOOT! TOOT!
I CAN'T BRING THE TRAIN TO A SUDDEN STOP... SINCE IT MIGHT JAR THE SENATOR, WHO HAS A HEART CONDITION! I'LL JUST TWIST THE TRACKS AROUND SO HE ENDS UP EXACTLY WHERE HE STARTED!
SWIFT SECONDS LATER...
AT LAST I HAVE A FREE MOMENT! IF I'M TO HELP MISS MANNERWELL, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO VENUS... BUT I'LL MAKE SURE I CARRY NO SPORES BACK WITH ME TO EARTH!
SHORTLY AFTERWARD, OUTSIDE MR. WINTERBY'S HOME
IMAGINE THE IMPERTINENCE OF SUPERBOY—ASKING HER TO BE EXCUSED... BECAUSE THAT TREE AFFECTED HER! ROT!
MAYBE SO... BUT WE'LL SEE HOW IT AFFECTS YOU NOW, MR. WINTERBY!
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I'LL NEVER LET HER... HMMPH... THERE'S A STRANGE ODOR.. REMINDS ME... SOMETHING I'D FORGOTTEN LONG AGO... MUST DO IT... NOW! GOING UP TO MY ROOM FIRST!
HORATIO! THAT STRANGE LOOK IN YOUR EYES! WH-WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
HORATIO! WHAT--- WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?
UNHAND ME, WOMAN! DANGEROUS DAN, THE MASKED MARAUDER OF THE PLAINS, IS READY TO STRIKE AGAIN!
AAAH... JUST WHAT I HOPED! NOW TO GET MISS MANNERWELL!
A LITTLE LATER...
REACH, PARDNER! GRAB A HANDFUL OF SKY! THE MASKED MARAUDER OF THE PLAINS RIDES AGAIN!
MASKED MARAUDER INDEED! WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY FOR YOURSELF, MR. WINTERBY, ALIAS DANGEROUS DAN?
WHY... ER... UM... AHEM... MISS MANNERWELL! GUESS I... ER.. WILL RENEW OUR FRIENDSHIP AFTER ALL!
WELL... AS THE POET SAID... ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!
AND THAT NIGHT, AS PEACE FINALLY RETURNS TO SMALLVILLE...
THANK GOODNESS THE EFFECTS HAVE WORN OFF EVERYONE COMPLETELY! ALL I CAN SAY IS, IT'S LUCKY VENUS IS SO FAR AWAY!
THE END
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UNCLE JERRY! LOOK WHAT I GOT A BOOMERANG!
WAIT!
SEE! YOU THROW IT UP IN THE AIR--
AND IT'S SUPPOSED TO COME BACK!
WHY DIDN'T YOU WAIT TILL YOU GOT HOME? NOW WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR IT BEHIND THOSE TREES. THOSE TOYS NEVER WORK!
KLUNK!
THE END

THE EYES HAVE IT

The Story Behind the Glasses 60,000,000 Americans Wear Today

"BROTHER, put on your spectacles!" That order, issued in 17th century Europe, was considered the highest honor that could have been bestowed on one. For spectacles, then, were a mark of superior learning and social status. Also, as a person's fortunes rose, he increased the size of his spectacles, and wore them higher on his nose.

As man progressed, so did the science of making lenses and spectacles. The modern eye glasses you and 60,000,000 other Americans wear today are the end product of thousands of years of endeavor, accident, and finally the flowering of a science.

Although there is no proof of the exact time or place of the origin of spectacles and lenses, history indicates that as early as 2283 B.C. a Chinese emperor used lenses made of rock crystal to observe the stars. Primitive tribes devised protective goggles, with horizontal slits to admit a minimum of light, before they had knowledge of glass.

The ancients employed bulbs of glass filled with water to concentrate the rays of the sun for cauterizations and for kindling fires. The use of the bulb, placed before the eye, to magnify small and difficult lettering was mentioned by early historians. Earliest lenses known were used as hand glass, held close to the object viewed. Gradually methods were devised to support the lenses before the eyes.

First historical data pointing to the revival of spectacles is that glasses were known in China and Europe in the 13th century. Then, old people in China used lenses to read small lettering. These glasses were large and oval shaped, rather than round.

In Spain, in the mid-17th century, young ladies wore great spectacles on their noses and fastened to their ears, but as one observer wrote: "They made no use of them where it was necessary; they only discoursed while they had them on." This was done to help the young ladies appear grave.

Another writer lamented upon the folly of Venetians who wore huge, grotesque spectacles on their noses as a means of showing their "profound wisdom."

In Florence, Italy, Armati was said to have invented glasses in 1285. On a tombstone in a Florentine church was found the inscription: "Here lies Salvino del Armati of Florence, the inventor of spectacles."

Roger Bacon, English monk-philosopher, is credited as a pioneer lens designer. In his Opus Magnus (1268) he wrote about the science of optics in general and lenses in particular.

Spectacle-making as an industry did not get under way until after the invention of printing in 1440. Ability to read and write was possessed by the learned few, and costliness of glasses made them prohibitive. But, with the advent of printing, a constantly increasing number of persons demanded the instruments that could help them to read better. Peddlers became the chief source of glasses for the public. They traveled through the land, selling them to alleviate visual faults.

In the 19th century, a great advance was made in the use of lenses for correction of sight when a British scientist, Thomas Young, demonstrated the condition of astigmatism.

With the progress in optics in the 19th century, Bausch & Lomb was founded in 1853, its first contribution being the standardization of curves for lenses.

In 1862, John Bausch stumbled on a piece of hard rubber while leaving his shop. In a short time, he moulded frames much more durable than the conventional, brittle horn frames and less costly than metal ones.

POOCH PORTRAITS

Dogs, Like People, Can Be Fun To Photograph

IF your dog is practically a member of the family, he definitely belongs in the family snapshot album—and not just because he happened to be around when you were photographing someone or something else.

He ought to be the subject of some special shots. Pooch portraits are fun to make, but like any good picture it takes a little thought and planning to insure happy results.

Choose your setting, whether indoors or out, and arrange whatever props or lights you want to use before you bring Rover or Lady on the scene. Dogs aren't always patient and you'll get your best cooperation while the idea is still a novelty.

Choose a plain background, one that will not take any attention away from the subject. To show the dog off to best advantage choose a color that will contrast with his coat. The honey-colored cockers show off well against a dark background (green is a good color) and the black ones stand out against a light color.

It's a good idea to place the dog, or dogs, on a table or bench so that you can do your shooting on the dog's own eye level or from a low angle. This will emphasize the importance of your subject. By following this method outdoors you can use the sky for a background.

Mark a square or rectangular area of the picture that you think is best and take it, with the negative, to your photofinisher who will print and enlarge just the part you want.

It goes without saying that your dog has a terrific personality. Try to make the personality and intelligence show in the picture. Use his favorite toy as a prop or as a means of attracting his attention in the direction you want him to look. Recall the things he's done, or the ways he's looked that have made you chuckle. If you love his sad look, try for that in the picture. If his mischievous spirit endears him to the family, make it show in the snapshot.

As far as camera settings are concerned, the shutter opening will, of course, be determined by the light available. A speed of about 1/50 second (approximately that of most box-type cameras) will work. But if you are using an adjustable camera, 1/100 second or faster is preferable so that you can stop an unexpected movement.

For indoor picturing, photoflash is a good source of illumination. Fine dog pictures can be made with photoflood but there is more danger of blurs from subject movement because of the longer exposure required.

A good thing to remember is that animals and children are very much alike. Some of the same tricks employed in photographing baby are very effective with puppies. An alert and interested expression can be induced by suddenly showing a favorite toy or by making an unfamiliar noise to attract attention. Assistance from some other member of the family can come in very handy at this point. You can concentrate on the camera, ready to snap the picture at just the right moment, while your helper creates the off-stage diversion.

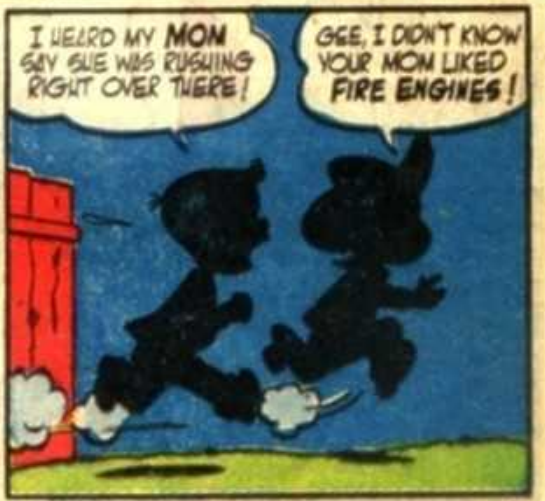
Informal shots can be helped greatly if you play a game with the dog, perhaps doing something that will bring the dog to precisely the right spot at the desired moment.

In addition to the pictures devoted exclusively to the dog, you'll want to include in your album a number of shots of the dog with various members of the family. Dogs and people—old or young—seem to go very well together and will make an interesting addition to family snapshot collections.

LITTLE
PETE

HURRY, SKIPPER! COME ON WITH ME!

THERE'S A BIG FIRE DOWN AT MAIN AND ELM STREET!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?


I HEARD MY MOM SAY SUE WAS RUSHING RIGHT OVER THERE!
GEE, I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR MOM LIKED FIRE ENGINES!

THIS IS MAIN AND ELM! WHERE'S THE BIG FIRE?

BIG
FIRE
SALE
END

Binky says: "KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY!"

LOOK AT THESE HEADLINES: "JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON RISE!" "FIRE SWEEPS CONDEMNED BUILDING!" "MANY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE NEED HELP!" WHAT KIND OF A TOWN IS THIS, ANYWAY? FOR TWO CENTS, I'D JUST MOVE AWAY.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, JOE? YOU LOOK PRETTY BLUE.
AW, MY FATHER IS DISGUSTED WITH THIS TOWN WHEN HE SEES HEADLINES LIKE THESE. I DON'T WANT TO MOVE, BINKY-- I LIKE IT HERE.
HMMM... WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT? MAYBE WE CAN GET OUR TEACHER TO ORGANIZE A CLASS GROUP...
THAT'S AN IDEA. THEN WE CAN TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
AND SO...
YES, MORE BOYS AND GIRLS IN OUR TOWN, AS IN OTHER TOWNS, BROKE THE LAW LAST YEAR. WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO HELP GET THEM STRAIGHTENED OUT. YOU CAN HELP, TOO, BY OBEYING THE LAW YOURSELVES AND HELPING YOUR FRIENDS TO THINK BEFORE THEY ACT.
HERE IS WHERE THE NEW HOUSES ARE TO BE BUILT TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE OLD ONES THAT WEREN'T SAFE TO LIVE IN. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TOWNS LIKE OURS ARE WORKING TO SEE THAT PEOPLE HAVE BETTER PLACES TO LIVE IN.
HOUSING AUTHORITY
EVERY TOWN HAS MORE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE NOW. WE MUST TRY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND SEE THAT OUR CITIZENS KNOW HOW TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF THEIR HEALTH. WE'VE LICKED A LOT OF DISEASES THAT USED TO BE VERY DANGEROUS--AND WE CAN LICK THIS, TOO, IF EVERYBODY HELPS.
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
I'M GOING TO TELL MY DAD ABOUT ALL THE THINGS WE LEARNED, BINKY. WHEN HE KNOWS PEOPLE IN OUR TOWN ARE WORKING HARD TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, I THINK HE'LL WANT TO STAY HERE AND HELP.
I BET HE WILL, JOE. IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY SO YOU CAN LEARN WHAT IT NEEDS TO MAKE THINGS BETTER. THAT'S BEING A GOOD CITIZEN.

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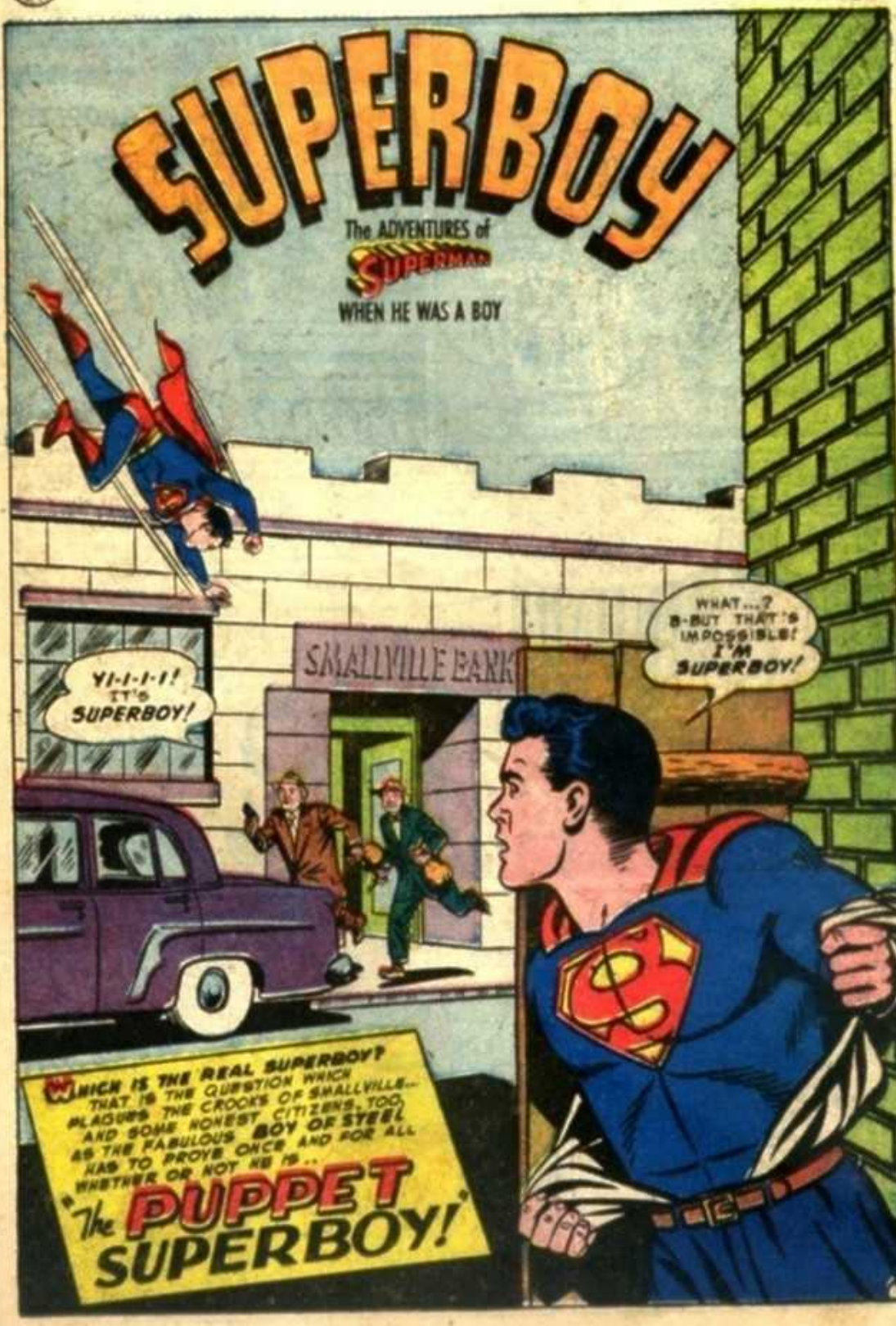
SUPERBOY
The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN WHEN HE WAS A BOY
SMALLVILLE BANK
YI-I-I-I! IT'S SUPERBOY!
WHAT...? B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I'M SUPERBOY!
WHICH IS THE REAL SUPERBOY? THAT IS THE QUESTION WHICH PLAGUES THE CROOKS OF SMALLVILLE... AND SOME HONEST CITIZENS, TOO, AS THE FABULOUS BOY OF STEEL HAS TO PROVE ONCE AND FOR ALL WHETHER OR NOT HE IS...
"The PUPPET SUPERBOY!"

ONE DAY IN SMALLVILLE, AS A FAMILIAR FIGURE IN BLUE FLASHES DOWN ON A DARING RESCUE MISSION...
HOORAY! IT'S SUPERBOY!
JUST IN TIME! IF THE WIND BLEW THIS HIGH VOLTAGE LINE ONTO THOSE PEOPLE, THEY'D HAVE BEEN KILLED!
BUT WAIT! THIS IS NOT THE SUPERBOY WE KNOW... AND THE ACTION IS IN MINIATURE...
BRAVO!
HOORAY!
FOR THIS IS MERELY ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE PERFORMED BY THE FAMED PUPPET PLAYERS OF... ZORAR!
GOLLY! THAT WAS WONDERFUL, ZORAR!
ALMOST AS GOOD AS SEEING THE REAL SUPERBOY IN ACTION!
AFTERWARDS, AS THE THRILLED AUDIENCE FILES OUT...
ZORAR IS A GREAT ADMIRER OF SUPERBOY... AND A GOOD BUSINESS MAN, TOO! HIS SHOW ALWAYS DRAWS A CAPACITY CROWD... I'VE BEEN TO SEE IT FIVE TIMES ALREADY!
I DON'T BLAME YOU, LANA! SIGHH... EVEN WATCHING A PUPPET SUPERBOY IS POSITIVELY THRILLING!
ZORAR'S PUPPET SHOW
FEATURING THE SUPERBOY PUPPET IN ACTION
CLARK KENT IS THE ONLY ONE IN SMALLVILLE WHO HASN'T SEEN ZORAR'S SHOW YET! CLARK'S ON VACATION WITH HIS FOLKS ...AND I BET HE'LL BE ANGRY WHEN HE GETS BACK AND FINDS OUT WHAT HE MISSED!
YOU'RE WRONG, LANA... BUT OF COURSE, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THAT CLARK KENT IS SUPERBOY! AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE BOY OF STEEL IS VERY BUSY INDEED...
FOREST FIRE DOWN BELOW! A LOT OF VALUABLE TREES WILL GO UP IN SMOKE UNLESS I CAN STOP IT FAST!
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MOMENTS LATER, AT A NEARBY LUMBER CAMP...
MIND IF I BORROW THESE PLANKS? I'LL BRING THEM BACK IN GOOD CONDITION!
I'M NOT WORRIED, SUPERBOY! THEY'LL BE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE, ANYWAY, UNLESS YOU CAN STOP IT!
NEXT, A SUPER-SWIFT CONSTRUCTION JOB AT A WATERFALL, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...
THIS TROUGH WILL CATCH THE TONS OF WATER POURING OVER THE FALLS...
... AND I'VE GUIDED IT RIGHT TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST!
WHOOSH
THEN, WITH NOTHING BUT SMOKE LEFT...
NOW I'LL DISMANTLE THE TROUGH... AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL BOARDS TO THE LUMBER COMPANY! THE DANGER IS OVER!
THUS, AWHILE LATER, A CEREMONY TAKES PLACE IN TOWN TO HONOR THE VALIANT BOY OF STEEL...
SUPERBOY SAVED US ALL BY PUTTING OUT THE FOREST FIRE! IF IT HAD SPREAD TO OUR TOWN, IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION!
-(WHISPER)- THAT'S OUR BOY, PA!
IT'S AN HONOR TO HAVE YOU WITH US, SUPERBOY! WE HOPE THAT YOUR VISIT WILL BE A LONG ONE!
THANK YOU, MAYOR! I... ER... INTEND TO BE AROUND HERE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, AT LEAST!

AMID THE CROWD, SUPERBOY'S REPLY DRAWS SPECIAL NOTICE FROM TWO MEN IN PARTICULAR...
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SAMSON? SUPERBOY IS GONNA BE AROUND HERE FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS!
YEAH... THAT GIVES US A FREE HAND TO OPERATE... EVERYWHERE ELSE! IN FACT, THERE'S A COUPLE OF BIG JOBS I'VE BEEN PLANNING TO PULL OFF IN SUPERBOY'S OWN HOME TOWN... SMALLVILLE!

AND SO WHILE SUPERBOY, ALIAS CLARK KENT, VACATIONS FAR AWAY WITH HIS FOSTER PARENTS, THE TOWN OF SMALLVILLE ABRUPTLY FALLS VICTIM TO ONE OF THE WORST OUTBURSTS OF CRIME IN ITS HISTORY...

THE COPS CAN'T FOLLOW US, SAMSON! THAT SHOT FLATTENED THEIR FRONT TIRE!
HA-HA... AND WE HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING TO FEAR FROM SUPERBOY EITHER! BY THE TIME HE HEARS ABOUT THIS, WE'LL BE ALL FINISHED WITH THIS BURG!
CRASH

BUT UNKNOWN TO SAMSON AND HIS COHORTS, THERE IS ANOTHER SUPERBOY IN SMALLVILLE... THOUGH NOT A LIVE ONE...
MY LIFE-SIZED PUPPET OF SUPERBOY... I MADE IT SOME TIME AGO, FOR A GIANT PUPPET SHOW I WAS PLANNING! IT LOOKS REAL ENOUGH TO FOOL ALMOST ANYBODY!

AND A FANTASTIC IDEA IS BORN IN THE BRAIN OF ZORAR THE PUPPET-MASTER...
HMM... I'VE HANDLED TINY PUPPETS OF SUPERBOY... IN ACTION! PERHAPS I COULD DO IT WITH A LIFE-SIZED ONE, AND THAT WAY HELP THE POLICE IN THEIR WAR AGAINST CRIME!

SO NEXT DAY, USING A RENTED HELICOPTER...
IT WORKS! BY SUSPENDING MY LIFE-SIZED PUPPET ON THIN WIRES, I CAN MAKE IT APPEAR TO BE FLYING! AND I CAN CONTROL HIS EVERY MOVEMENT FROM UP HERE!

THIS IS OUR SECOND BIG HAUL IN SMALLVILLE! WITH SUPERBOY AWAY, IT'S EASY TO OPERATE AROUND HERE!
YOU SAID IT, SAMSON...BUT STILL, I GET NERVOUS JUST THINKING ABOUT HIM COMING BACK!
SUDDENLY...
HEY! THERE HE IS NOW!
OHHH... MY NERVES ARE ALLSHOT TO PIECES!
I DUNNO WHY I'M SHOOTING! I KNOW BULLETS CAN'T HURT HIM... BUT I GOTTA DO SOMETHING FOR MY NERVES!
SNAP SNAP
BANG BANG BANG
HEY! W-WHAT HAPPENED? SUPERBOY KINDA SLUMPED OVER!
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS, YOU SAP! LET'S BEAT IT!
MINUTES LATER, AS SAMSON AND HIS CROOKED HENCHMAN REACH THE SAFETY OF THE SMALLVILLE HILLS...
I CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT! SUPERBOY ISN'T COMING AFTER US ..YET HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HURT BY THOSE BULLETS!
THE ANSWER IS EASY! THAT WASN'T SUPERBOY WE SAW! DIDN'T YOU NOTICE THE STRINGS ATTACHED TO HIM... AND THE HELICOPTER FLYING OVERHEAD?
Y-YOU MEAN, WE WERE RUNNING AWAY FROM A--- PUPPET?
NOT EXACTLY! WE RAN BECAUSE THE COPS MIGHT'VE SHOWED UP ANY SECOND! BUT THAT SUPERBOY PUPPET GIVES ME A TERRIFIC IDEA!
WHAT IS THE CUNNING GANG CHIEF PLANNING? SHORTLY AFTERWARD, IN ZORAR'S DRESSING ROOM...
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEN WANT WITH ME?
I KNEW THAT PUPPET HAD TO BE YOURS, ZORAR! TRIED TO FOOL US, DIDN'T YOU? WELL ... NOW YOU'RE GONNA COOPERATE WITH US!
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COOPERATE WITH YOU? I--- I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN I BE USEFUL TO CRIMINALS?
THE POLICE IN SMALLVILLE HAVE A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN SUPERBOY! IF THEY THINK HE'S AROUND TO HANDLE THINGS, THEY WON'T INTERFERE! AND WITH YOUR PUPPET, WE CAN FOOL THEM INTO THINKING HE'S RIGHT ON THE SCENE OF OUR NEXT ROBBERY!
NEXT MORNING, AT SMALLVILLE'S JEWELRY EXCHANGE...
GULP! THE--- THE PRICELESS STAR OF ASIA IS KEPT IN THAT VAULT! IT'S OWNED BY ONE OF SMALLVILLE'S CITIZENS... AND HE LEFT IT WITH US FOR PRIVATE SALE!
WELL, WE BROUGHT JUST THE STUFF TO BUY IT WITH! LIGHT THE FUSE ON THAT DYNAMITE!
THE DYNAMITE WILL BLOW OFF THE VAULT DOOR! TAKE COVER--- OR YOU MAY GET HURT!
YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS! EVERYBODY IN SMALLVILLE WILL HEAR THAT EXPLOSION, AND...
BLAMMM
AN EXPLOSION AT THE JEWELRY EXCHANGE! HELP! POLICE!
BUT BEFORE THE ALARM EVEN GOES OUT...
BOY... THIS HUNK OF DIAMOND OUGHTA BE WORTH A FORTUNE, SAMSON!
IT IS! LET'S GO, BOYS... OUR FRIEND SUPERBOY WILL TAKE CARE OF ANY COPS WHO TRY TO FOLLOW US! HA, HA!
AND AS POLICE RACE TOWARD THE SCENE, A HURTLING FIGURE INTERVENES...
SUPERBOY! I HEARD AN EXPLOSION! I'M GOING TO...
OOOF!
WHAT HAPPENED?
SUPERBOY MISJUDGED HIS DISTANCE... AND CRASHED INTO ME! BUT THERE HE GOES AFTER THOSE CROOKS NOW!
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A CAREENING CHASE BEGINS, AS THE SMALLVILLE POLICE JOIN IN PURSUIT OF THE FLEEING BANDITS... BUT IN THE NEXT MINUTE...
LOOK OUT! SUPERBOY OVERTURNED THAT HAYWAGON!
KRASH
POLICE
WHAT'S WRONG WITH SUPERBOY ANYHOW? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE ACTING SO CLUMSY... MUCH LESS HIM!
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK HE WAS TRYING TO HELP THOSE CROOKS ESCAPE!
THUS, BECAUSE OF "SUPERBOY'S" INTERFERENCE, NEWSPAPER HEADLINES SOON HERALD THE MOST COSTLY CRIME EVER TO COME OFF SUCCESSFULLY IN SMALLVILLE...
SUPERBOY UNWITTINGLY AIDS JEWEL THIEVES
A CRIME WAVE UNPARALLELED IN SMALLVILLE HISTORY, COST EXCEEDS ALL PAST YEARS
AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE FARAWAY TOWN WHERE CLARK KENT IS VACATIONING WITH HIS PARENTS...
CLARK! THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I JUST GOT A LETTER FROM A FRIEND IN SMALLVILLE... HE SAYS A TREMENDOUS CRIME WAVE HAS BROKEN OUT THERE... AND IN ONE INSTANCE, SUPERBOY ACCIDENTALLY HELPED THE CROOKS ESCAPE!
WHAT...?
IMMEDIATELY, A SWIFT CHANGE OF COSTUME...
SINCE I'M SUPERBOY, AND I'VE BEEN HERE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS, SOMEONE MUST BE IMPERSONATING ME! I'LL COME BACK AS SOON AS I'VE TAKEN CARE OF HIM!
ALL RIGHT, SON... AND BE CAREFUL!
FASTER THAN LIGHT, SUPERBOY STREAKS BACK HOME, WHERE...
I'VE SEARCHED PRACTICALLY ALL OF SMALLVILLE, BUT MY IMPOSTOR KEEPS HIMSELF WELL HIDDEN! I'LL JUST HAVE TO... WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT BUILDING?

AND WITH HIS AMAZING X-RAY VISION, HE SEES...
A---A TINY PUPPET OF MYSELF IN SIMULATED ACTION! WHOEVER IS WORKING THOSE PUPPETS IS AN INGENIOUS FELLOW! THEY'RE INCREDIBLY LIFE-LIKE... EVEN IN MINIATURE!
HA-HA-HA... THIS IS THE BEST SHOW I'VE SEEN IN A LONG TIME! LOOK AT HOW THE TINY POLICEMAN IS WAVING HIS HANDS! HO-HO!
HEY... HOLD IT! THAT POLICEMAN ISN'T JUST WAVING! HE'S GIVING SIGNALS... IN CODE! IT'S SOME KIND OF A MESSAGE!
AND WHEN ZORAR'S SHOW ENDS...
LET'S GO, ZORAR! WE'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH SAMSON AND THE REST OF THE MOB! THEY'RE KNOCKING OVER THE PAYROLL AT THE SMALLVILLE HAT FACTORY... AND THEY'LL NEED YOU AND... ER... SUPERBOY!
SOMEBODY MENTION MY NAME?
YI-I-I-I! IT'S HIM!
ONHH!
TSK-TSK! HIS NERVES GOT THE BEST OF HIM! HE'S FAINTED DEAD AWAY!
I DECIPHERED YOUR SEMAPHORE MESSAGE, ZORAR! YOU TRIED TO WARN ANYONE WATCHING YOUR SHOW ABOUT THE ROBBERY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SMALLVILLE HAT FACTORY!
I--I COULDN'T SPEAK OUT, SINCE THEY LEFT THAT HOODLUM TO GUARD ME WHILE I DID MY SHOW! BETTER HURRY, SUPERBOY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO STOP THEM!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER, AT THE HAT FACTORY...
YEAH... AND WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT WITH "SUPERBOY" UP THERE TO PROTECT US! HA-HA!
THAT ROADBLOCK WE PLANTED WILL DELAY THE REAL ARMORED CAR FROM SHOWING UP TO COLLECT THE CASH RECEIPTS... SO WE'LL PICK IT UP FOR THEM!
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BUT AS THE CRIMINALS APPROACH AN ALERT PAYMASTER...
WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE NOT THE REGULAR GUARDS! YOU'RE THE SAME MEN WHO ROBBED THE JEWELRY EXCHANGE IN...
YOU'VE GOT GOOD EYESIGHT, MISTER...
PAYMASTER
...BUT YOU'LL NEVER SEE ANYTHING ELSE... IF YOU DON'T PLAY BALL WITH US! MOVE THOSE MONEY SACKS INTO THE TRUCK... AND BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
Y-YES, SIR!
BUT SUDDENLY, AN ALARM SOUNDS... AND AS THE CRIMINALS ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE IN THEIR ARMORED CAR...
CRASH
THEY SHUT THE GATES!
CRASH THROUGH! IF ANYBODY TRIES TO STOP US, SHOOT 'EM DOWN!
WE'RE IN THE CLEAR... NOBODY'S SHOOTING! GUESS THEY FIGURE IT ISN'T NECESSARY WITH "SUPERBOY" ON THE JOB! HA-HA!
YEAH! BUT WHY IS "SUPERBOY" FOLLOWING US? THAT WASN'T IN THE INSTRUCTIONS WE GAVE ZORAR! HE'S JUST SUPPOSED TO USE THAT PUPPET TO CUT OFF ANY PURSUIT BY THE COPS!
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HEY! WHAT HAPPENED?
IT GOT AWFUL DARK OUTSIDE!
PLOP!

THIS WAY OUT, GENTLEMEN!
HUH...? THIS IS NO PUPPET!
GROANN... HE'S THE REAL SUPERBOY!
SECOND'S LATER...
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED MY LITTLE HAT TRICK! I HAD TO MAKE SURE YOU THUGS DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO START SHOOTING ... WHEN YOU REALIZED IT WAS ME! SOME INNOCENT PERSON MIGHT HAVE BEEN HURT BY A STRAY BULLET!
AND THEN SAMSON AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE...
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO TRY TO TAKE YOUR PLACE WITH MY LIFE-SIZED PUPPET, SUPERBOY! AFTER ALL, NO PUPPET IN THE WORLD COULD DUPLICATE YOUR AMAZING FEATS!
YOU DID PRETTY WELL, ZORAR... ALMOST TOO WELL! A LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVED THAT PUPPET WAS REALLY ME!
SOME DAYS LATER, WHEN CLARK KENT AND HIS FOLKS RETURN TO SMALLVILLE...
TOO BAD YOU WERE AWAY ON VACATION, CLARK! YOU MISSED THE MOST SENSATIONAL PUPPET SHOW I EVER SAW! ZORAR EVEN HAD A TINY SUPERBOY IN HIS PERFORMING TROUPE!
WELL, MAYBE I'LL CATCH THE SHOW NEXT TIME IT'S IN TOWN, LANA! FUNNY, THOUGH, HOW EVERY TIME I LEAVE SMALLVILLE, SOMETHING EXCITING ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAPPEN!

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